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IN HONOR OF THE NEGLECTED

Memorial Shaft, Unique in Design,
Erected at Liverpool, England,
to Unsung Heroes.

At the Princess pierhead in Liverpool a granite monument has been erected in memory of the valiant deeds of the engine-room heroes of the British navy, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. In addition to the interest the memorial attracts as a work of art, it is notable for two things: it is one of the very few shafts that have ever been raised anywhere in honor of the many courageous seagoing engineers, mechanics and cowboys who have stuck to their posts in the face of death and performed their duties with self-sacrificing patriotism equal to that of any soldier or sailor. The other noteworthy point is that the memorial is the only important English work of its type that has ever been executed solely in granite. It is 48 feet in height and consists of an obelisk surmounting a heavy base, on two sides of which are sculptured groups representing the different divisions in the personnel of an engine-room staff. The other two sides of the rectangular support carry inscriptions. At the corners of the top part of the base are four figures symbolical of earth, air, fire and water. Behind these figures and supposedly supported by them is a sea-circumscribed globe, on each side of the back of which a flaming sun is visible. A group of lightly draped feminine figures, holding wreaths, crown the shaft, which at the apex is surrounded by a fiery torch.

SUEZ CANAL 50 YEARS OLD

Great Britain Obtained Complete Control of Waterway in 1876, Although It Was French Project.

It was more than half a century ago, on February 17, 1867, that the first vessel of any size passed through the Suez canal from the Mediterranean sea.

The completion of the Suez canal imposed upon Great Britain the gigantic task of protecting the sea route to her Asiatic empire. Gibraltar and Malta, already in Britain's possession, were important links in the chain. The peninsula of Aden, controlling the entrance into the Red sea, was fortified on a vast scale, and a protectorate was acquired over a large inland region. Cyprus, Sokatra island and the Kuria Muria islands, off the Arabian coast, added new links to the defensive chain, and it has been said that the Red sea is now "more distinctively British than is St. George's channel, between England and Ireland." Great Britain obtained proprietary control of the Suez canal in 1876 by purchasing the shares of the Egyptian khedive for about \$20,000,000, although it was a French project and its completion was due to French genius.

COWS USED FOR SIGNALING

Bulgarian Cowherd Transmitted Military News by Moving Animals About on Top of Hill.

At the battle of Ishtib a Bulgarian cowherd signaled news to his military countrymen relative to the position of the Serbian battalions by moving five cows about in various ways on the top of a hill.

The Basutos, by the way, practically anticipated "wireless telegraphy" in a crude fashion. That is, by striking heavily on a huge drum of goatskin, which is placed on a special spot, another Basuto at a distance can gather the purport of the message by placing his ear close to the ground to catch the vibrations; and then he, in turn, passes the message on.

Of course, given suitable climatic conditions, the military heliograph can transmit messages over enormous tracts of country, and the record is probably held by an Englishman, Captain Sadler of the Sixth Dragoon Guards, who, by this means, succeeded in South Africa in sending a message direct a distance of 130 miles.

LIGHTS FOR MOTORCYCLES.

The latest attachment for the ubiquitous motorcycle is a complete electric generating plant for lighting the headlight, similar to the apparatus used in automobiles. Up to now the heavy weight of such installations has prevented their use on motorcycles, but a light system, consisting of a regulator and generator taking its power from the turning axle, has been perfected. The regulator keeps the voltage constant at varying speeds of the motorcycle. As a result of the new device the motorcycle of the future may be expected to cruise with its own electric lights, freed from the danger of batteries or carbide supply giving out.

THE WORST TO COME.

Henderson—What makes you so blue?

Sanderson—My wife's bread's a failure.

Henderson—Is that all?

Sanderson—All? No; something worse is coming.

Henderson—What?

Sanderson—A week's ordeal of bread pudding.—Puck.

MUSICAL PREJUDICE.

"Do you enjoy Mendelssohn's 'Songs Without Words'?"

"I don't know as I've ever heard 'em," replied Mr. Cumrox. "But I want to say that Mendelssohn has the right idea. What keeps a lot of these songs from being fit to listen to is the words."

WHAT HE SAID.

"The man I marry must be a hero—brave, daring and gallant; he must have enough to support me comfortably; must have a country home, and, above all, be honest."

"That's all very good; but this is love—not a department store."—Lehigh Burr.

NATURALLY.

The first thing a climber wants is a family tree.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HOME INDUSTRY



Rural Barber—Who cut yer hair las' time, Bill?

Farmer's Boy—Maw, but she couldn't find the scissors, an' the sickle was kinder dull.

CONVICTS' ODD NICKNAMES.

Every inmate of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., has a nickname. The following are some of the nicknames of the men "in," which are taken from recent issues of the New Era, the penitentiary paper:

Snipes, Mule, Skinner, Pawnee, Gummy, Duck, Wop, Hoonkenbul, Indian Dan, Brownskin, Human Spider, Honolulu, Midnight, Old Bill, Red, Slim, Fatty, Silas, Mose, Oleo, Oats, Home Town, Booster, Toots, Doc, Blink, Horseshoer, Crip, Soldier, Headney, Chick, Happy, Crab, Lake, Tony, Old Folks, May-be and Bots.

ANOTHER SUBJECT.

"Is it true that they are going to tax contracts made by people under age because they needn't keep them?"

"Why should they tax a thing like that?"

"Isn't it a minor privilege?"

WELL NAMED.

"What's your dog's name, sonny?"

"Ginger."

"Does Ginger bite?"

"Naw! Ginger snaps."

ECONOMIES.

"What's your idea of economy?"

"Saving two dollars on cigars so that your wife can spend it on a license for a pet dog."

THE REASON.

"Why is not grammar an exact science?"

"Because it is dependent on its moods."

ONE EXCEPTION.

"There is nothing put on about that girl."

"Oh, yes, there is. Her complexion."

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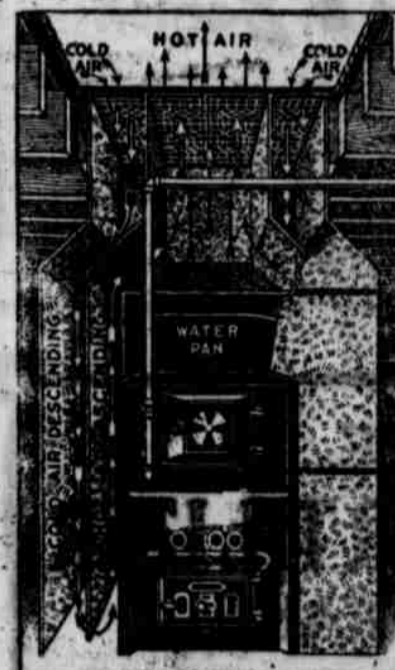
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